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1. SEVERAL PAPERS REPORTED MARCH 5 THAT THE TURKISH SEISMIC RESEARCH SHIP SISMIK WILL RESUME OPERATIONS IN APRIL. ACCORDING TO THESE REPORTS, THE SHIP WILL INITIALLY CONDUCT ACTIVITIES IN THE MARMARA AND NEAR CANAKKALE BEFORE ENTERING THE AEGEAN "AT THE END OF APRIL".

- 2. MINENERGY KILIC, ANSWERING REPORTERS' QUESTIONS MARCH 6 STATED THAT THE SISMIK WAS BEING FITTED WITH NEW EQUIPMENT AND WOULD RESUME SEISMIC OPERATIONS WITHIN A MONTH. KILIC DID NOT RPT NOT STATE WHERE THE SISMIK WOULD OPERATE.
- 3. MFA AEGEAN/LOS AFFAIRS CHIEF TURMEN TOLD EMBOFF MARCH 7
 THAT THERE WERE NO PLANS TO SEND THE SISMIK INTO THE AEGEAN.
 HE SAID THE SISMIK WOULD NOT OPERATE IN THE AEGEAN "AS LONG
 AS THE BERN AGREEMENT REMAINS IN FORCE". (COMMENT: TURMEN'S UNSTATED

IMPLICATION WAS THAT THE GOT WOULD CONSIDER THE BERN AGREEMENT VOID IF GOG DOES NOT AGREE TO SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATIONS IN NEXT ROUND OF CONTINENTAL SHELF TALKS.)

4. TURMEN ALSO NOTED THAT, CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS HERE THAT THE CONTINENTAL SHELF TALKS WOULD RESUME IN PARIS ON MARCH 31, NO DATE HAS YET BEEN AGREED TO, BUT GOT STILL EXPECTS THAT TALKS WILL RESUME IN THE "SECOND HALF OF MARCH". MACOMBER

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